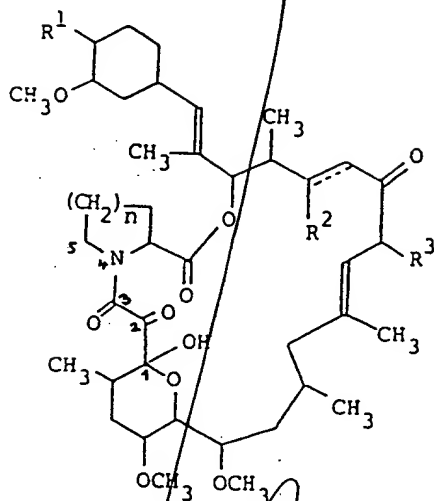


CLAIMS

1. Use of a compound of formula I,



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is optionally protected hydroxy,  
R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or optionally protected hydroxy,  
R<sup>3</sup> is methyl, ethyl, propyl or allyl,  
n is 1 or 2 and

the symbol of a line and dotted line is a  
single bond or a double bond,

in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form,

in the topical treatment of inflammatory or hyperproliferative  
skin diseases or of cutaneous manifestations of immunologically-  
mediated illnesses, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, contact  
dermatitis and further eczematous dermatitises, seborrhoeic  
dermatitis, Lichen planus, Pemphigus, bullous Pemphigoid,  
Epidermolysis bullosa, urticaria, angioedemas, vasculitides,  
erythemas, cutaneous eosinophilias, Lupus erythematosus or  
Alopecia areata.

2. Use according to claim 1 of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1, in free form or in pharmaceutically salt form, in the topical treatment of psoriasis.

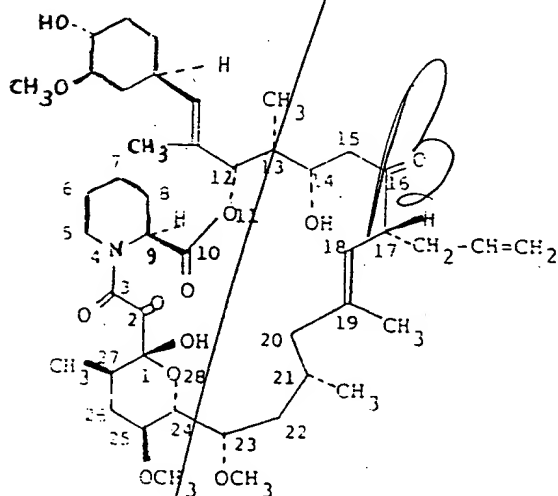
3. Use according to claim 1 or 2 of a compound of formula I wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are hydroxy,

$R^3$  is allyl,

$n$  is 2 and

the symbol of a line and dotted line is a single bond, in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

4. Use according to claim 1 or 2 of the compound of formula Ia



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in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

5. A pharmaceutical composition for use of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1, in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form in the topical treatment of inflammatory or hyperproliferative skin diseases or of cutaneous manifestations of immunologically-mediated illnesses, psoriasis,

atopical dermatitis, contact dermatitis and further eczematous dermatitises, seborrhoeic dermatitis, Lichen planus, Pemphigus, bullous Pemphigoid, Epidermolysis bullosa, urticaria, angioedemas, vasculitides, erythemas, cutaneous eosinophilias, Lupus erythematosus or Alopecia areata.

6. A composition according to claim 5 for use in psoriasis.

7. A composition according to claim 5 or 6 comprising a 1-3% concentration of active substance.

8. A composition according to claim 5 or 6 which is a lotion, gel or creme.

9. Use of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 for the preparation of a medicament for the topical treatment of inflammatory or hyperproliferative skin diseases or of cutaneous manifestations of immunologically-induced illnesses.

10. Use according to claim 9 for the preparation of a medicament for the topical treatment of psoriasis, atopical dermatitis, contact dermatitis and further eczematous dermatitises, seborrhoeic dermatitis, Lichen planus, Pemphigus, bullous Pemphigoid, Epidermolysis bullosa, urticaria, angioedemas, vasculitides, erythemas, cutaneous eosinophilias, Lupus erythematosus or Alopecia areata.

11. A method of topical treatment of inflammatory or hyperproliferative skin diseases or of cutaneous manifestations of immunologically-induced illnesses which comprises topically administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1.

12. A method of topical treatment of psoriasis, atypical dermatitis, contact dermatitis and further eczematous dermatitises, seborrhoeic dermatitis, Lichen planus, Pemphigus, bullous Pemphigoid, Epidermolysis bullosa, urticaria, angioedemas, vasculitides, erythemas, cutaneous eosinophilias, Lupus erythematosus or Alopecia areata, which comprises topically administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1.